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Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:



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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Enclosed is/are:

- [x] Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- [x] Amendment, Total Pages: 29;
- [x] Previously Filed Amendment, Total Pages: 172;
- [x] Return Receipt Pre-paid Postcard (in duplicate), Total postcards: 2;
- [x] Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3735, if necessary.

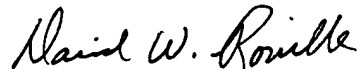
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	53	- 58	= 0	X \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	7	- 7	= 0	X \$200.00	= \$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>= \$0.00</b>

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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